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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S INTERVIEW WITH TURKISH NEWS AGENCY

1. ANKARA PRESS TODAY GAVE FAIRLY PROMINENT PLAY
TO INTERVIEW GIVEN TWO DAYS EARLIER BY AMBASSADOR
TO REPRESENTATIVE OF ANKA, A TURKISH NEWS AGENCY.
2. EMBASSY IS PREPARING FULLER REPORT ON PRESS COVERAGE OF
INTERVIEW WHICH RANGED OVER SEVERAL ASPECTS OF US-TURKISH
RELATIONS, BUT WHICH HIGHLIGHTED AMBASSADOR'S VIEWS ON QUESTIONS
OF CYPRUS AND EMBARGO.
3. WE HAVE NOW SEEN SOME INITIAL REPORTING FROM TURKISH
RADIO BUREAU IN CYPRUS WHICH INDICATES THAT THIS "SPEECH"
(SIC) HAS MET WITH STRONG REACTION ON PART OF GOC ADMINISTRATION.
4. FOR DEPARTMENT'S AND EMBASSIES' INFORMATION IT IS
TRUE THAT AMBASSADOR, WHO WAS CLEARLY IDENTIFIED AS
EXPRESSING HIS PERSONAL VIEWS ON SUBJECTS WHICH QUESTIONERS
WERE EXPLORING, DEFENDED THE VIEW THAT US-GOT RELATIONS
AND THE CYPRUS PROBLEM SHOULD NOT BE INTERMIXED, THAT HE
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"HOPED" THAT EMBARGO WOULD BE LIFTED IN NEXT FEW MONTHS,
AND THAT EMBARGO CONSTITUTED LARGEST OBSTACLE TO IMPROVEMENT
OF US-TURKISH RELATIONS. AMBASSADOR ALSO STATED THAT
IN HIS VIEW EMBARGO SERVED NEITHER THE INTERESTS OF
NATO, US, TURKEY, NOR A CYPRUS SOLUTION. AMBASSADOR
EXPLAINED THAT DIFFERENT VIEWS WERE HELD IN CONGRESS,
WHICH HAD MADE THE LINKAGE BETWEEN CYPRUS AND DEFENSE

RELATIONSHIP. PROGRESS ON CYPRUS WOULD CERTAINLY
FACILITATE FAVORABLE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON EMBARGO.

5. ON SUBJECT NEGOTIATIONS, AMBASSADOR SAID THAT IF
SOLUTION COULD BE FOUND ON CYPRUS ISSUE BY TWO COMMUNITIES,
TURKEY AND GREECE, US WOULD BE HAPPY AND HAD NO REASON
TO BECOME DIRECTLY INVOLVED. WE WERE PREPARED TO HELP TO
EXTENT OUR ALLIES THOUGHT THIS COULD BE USEFUL.

6. NO PREDICTION WAS MADE ON WHEN EMBARGO WOULD BE
LIFTED BY CONGRESS, AND NO STATEMENT IMPLYING ANY
ADMINISTRATION PROMISES TO TURKS ON TIMING WAS MADE.

7. COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON INTERVIEW AND PRESS COVERAGE WILL
BE SENT JAN. 27.

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